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**To: Beer & Wine Distributors & Retail Liquor Licensees**

**Re: Replacing Kegs at Venues**

This letter addresses distributors replacing empty beer kegs with full kegs at venues and other retail licensed premises during events. There is no allowance in the law for this service.

Retail licensees may not ask or require distributors to move product from one point of sale to another, nor may distributors provide this service to retailers. Distributors may not replenish empty kegs with full kegs during retailer events such as concerts, ball games, car races and other sporting or entertainment events. Providing or receiving this service is prohibited.

Licensed beer and wine distributors are prohibited from providing services to retailers, other than those services that are allowed by regulation. Providing a prohibited service to a retailer is a violation for both the distributor and the retailer. This regulation is covered under rule; **WAC 314-12-140 Prohibited practices-(3)** which states; no manufacturer, distributor, or importer, or his employee, shall directly or indirectly solicit, give or offer to, treats or services of any nature whatsoever, except such services as are authorized in this regulation.

I hope this letter has provided clarification on this issue. Please contact your local non-retail liquor enforcement officer with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Manufacturers, Importers, Wholesalers Section